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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its resumed session, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) resumed its consideration of the item at its 25th meeting on 4 May 2009 (see A/C.4/63/SR.25).

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group (A/63/19).

II. Consideration of proposal

3. At the 25th meeting, on 4 May 2009, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/63/L.20).

4. Also at the 25th meeting, the Acting Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20 contained no programme budget implications (see A/C.4/63/SR.25).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/63/L.20 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

6. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 62/273 of 11 September 2008,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 16 to 180 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/63/19).

its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".